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Lexington's Campbellite Sky Buster,
Goes Dean Like One Better.

One of the most demoralizing things in the whole of America is the Lexington race track.

Mr. Spencer Preaches
IN FRONT OF PHOENIX HOTEL
To Large Crowd of Horsemen,
Who Give Close Attention to His
Able Sermon.

Both the local and visiting horsemen were afforded an impressive and unique religious service last night which was not on the regular program and was brought to them in a rather unexpected manner.

Rev. I. J. Spencer, of the Central Christian Church, having no services at his church on account of the Bible Society meeting at the opera house, secured a hay wagon, and with several members of his choir held services in front of the Phoenix Hotel, preaching to a large crowd.

Mr. Spencer made a very strong address and everyone listened to him with attention.

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MRS. HENRY WRITES A STIRRING APPEAL TO THE RATIONALISTS TO COME TO THE RESCUE OF THIS GRAND INSTITUTION.

The series of letters from Dr. J. B. Wilson, now being published in the Blade are of immense value, as they are bringing Freethinkers in touch with each other and giving out a vast deal of information that is of importance, and that will stimulate effort in our common cause.

The National Liberal Party was not born in vain. There is pressing need for its work which is far reaching and of vast import in maintaining and protecting true American principles and liberties of thought and of the press. I am profoundly impressed with the idea that Dr. J. B. Wilson, who now the President of the N. L. P., is the right man in the right place, and if its members will give the proper allegiance the N. L. P. will become a power in the land. It will not take overpowering numbers to do this, but attack must be made with overpowering minds and arguments are necessary. The mental and moral cautions of Freethinkers and orthodox Christians are now in strong contrast before the world, and orthodox is in open honorable battle.

President Wilson's honest, clear exposure of how affairs are being conducted at Girard College, Philadelphia, in direct defiance of the will of Stephen Girard, the Freethinker, is enough to stir the blood of the most lukewarm Rationalist. The truth is demonstrated that the Christians have stolen this college with its princely endowment, and trampled on the expressed wishes of Stephen Girard, the Altheim, who expressly wishes his will that "artists, scholars, and students" should be the beneficiaries of his princely benefactions of modern times.

Food, feeds, clothes and educates 1,000 boys. The state of the apathy of Rationalists in allowing the Christian robbers to steal this college, poison the minds of Girard's beneficiaries, in suit the memory of the benefactor and have the audacity to proclaim to the world that Freethinkers have established no educational or charitable institutions. Yet all this has been done without protest of late years.

Dr. J. B. Wilson has been told by the N. L. P. in this bold robbery. Is it not in its pale.

One of the earliest pictures I can recall is that of a clergyman laughing over the rail of a three-decker pulpit and painting a picture of a material hell—a place of perpetual punishment for evil doers so horrible that for weeks afterward my sleep was troubled with terrible nightmares.

Thou shalt have the doctrine of a material hell is now no longer taught by our churches. We no longer condemn anyone for entering all those who venture to disagree with us in religious matters. The belief in a material evil hell is now gone with the doctrine of an all-wise and loving God.

I had long cherished the idea that there was a real old-fashioned Bible hell of fire and brimstone, because it looked like the only way I could ever get even with old Rucker, but it looks like the preachin' brethren won't have it.

CLERICALS AND SOCIALISTS
IN BLOODY COLLISION.

Seven Persons Were Killed and Many Hurt at Bilboa, Spain.

Bilboa, Spain, Oct. 12.—As a result of the collision yesterday between Socialists engaged in a demonstration and a body of clericals, seven persons were killed and thirty-three were wounded, some of the latter being mortally injured, including the mayor.

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A BIBLE MIRACLE. "The Burning Bush" Shown to Be a Natural Phenomenon.

Harmony Grove, Ga., Oct. 13, '93. Mr. Charles C. Moore, Lexington, Ky. Dear Mr. Moore:—I enclose you a part of one page of Sunday's Constitution, published at Atlanta, Ga. What do you think of the enclosed picture of the Burning Bush?

Please send me a souvenir of your foreign trip. I have been taking Blue Grass Blade only a short time. Like it so much!

Yours truly,
R. L. SAUNDERS.

Comment.—I have been at Kew Gardens, near London, and I suppose they are the most famous botanical collections in the world. One of the part of the page sent me is a picture evidently made from a photograph of the growing downy. Under the picture is the following:

The plant which scientists believe is Moses' "Burning Bush" is now at Kew Gardens, England. It bursts into flames exactly as the bush in the Old Testament miracle did.

And then there is the following from the Bible: "Moses' Burning Bush Said to Be in Britain."

Special Correspondence. London, Oct. 2.—Here is the first photograph which has been taken of a remarkable plant which is now at "Kew Gardens"—London's celebrated horticultural grounds on the Thames—and which is supposed to be identical with the "burning bush" which Moses saw in the desert. The plant is a small shrub, about two feet high, with small, dark, waxy leaves, and a few small, white flowers. It is said to be a very old plant, and to have been growing in the same place for many years.

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I believe from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm of the distillery to the time it enters the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it.

It does not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime.

All you have to do is to think of the death—of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the men of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons, and of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man be prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol.

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